

35 Book Challenge

Your 5th grader will be participating in the 35 Book Challenge during Reading/ELA this school year. While completing the entire challenge is not mandatory, making a reasonable, best effort is required. Each student has already set a goal for the number of pages they intend to read each day (Monday-Friday). They can read more than their goal, but not reaching their daily goal should rarely occur. I give them time in class to read each day, and most of the kids have time to read during Blazer Time. If they use the time they're given, they could get all of their reading done during school hours. Your 5th grader is responsible for writing the page they read to (not the number of pages they read) on the back of the bookmark I've given them, when they're done reading for the day. Their bookmark should stay in the book they're reading. They can get a new bookmark whenever the bookmark they have is filled.

Each 9 week grading period your 5th grader will receive a grade for the progress they've made. What is expected as far as how many books to complete, is determined on a case-by-case basis. I am basing what I expect of each student on their ability level. If I can determine that your child has made a good effort to read to their goal, then this grade will reflect that.

Your child should already have a blue 35 Book Challenge sheet in a sheet protector, located at the front of their binder. It should stay there when not being written on or getting initialed by myself. When your 5th grader completes a book, they should log on to Google Classroom (located on the Allen ISD Portal apps.allenisd.org) and complete a Reader Response. I would like for this to be done at home, if at all possible. If not, they should complete their Reader Response during Blazer Time (7:45-8:15). That will allow them to get a new book before they arrive in Reading. Once they've completed a few Reader Responses, the process should take about 15-20 minutes. If they show up to Reading without the Reader Response completed, that could keep them from getting a new book for an additional day, as they can't check out a new book until they've completed the Reader Response, filled out the appropriate spot on their 35 Book Challenge form, and asked me to initial the completed spot.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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